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Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a Missouri State Senator, I am greatly concerned with community development, including attracting businesses and economic activity to regions of need. I know that job growth is at the heart of prosperous communities, and I advocate for initiatives that will produce economic benefits. If approved, the cable broadband company New Charter would boost American jobs and community development.

The company, which would include Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, would invest in domestic employees by building up its customer care workforce. It would return to the United States outsourced customer call centers. Missouri is home to thousands of Charter employees, and we know the benefit of having such important economic investment in our region. New Charter's commitment to American jobs is refreshing and something our government should support.

Furthermore, New Charter would work at the grassroots level to improve communities of need. It would continue the Charter Our Community program, which is currently working to rebuild 25,000 unsafe homes by 2020. Continuing this work under New Charter would have a profound impact on communities across the country.

I urge you to consider the many benefits of the merger and lend your support to New Charter.

Yours truly,

ERIC S. SCHMITT